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MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (Legislative Department)

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The following President's Act is published for general information:—

THE TAMIL NADU PANCHAYATS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1977

ACT, 1977

NO. 8 OF 1977

Enacted by the Vice-President acting as President in
the Twenty-eighth Year of the Republic of India.

A Bill further to amend the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1958.

41 of 1976. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976, the Vice-President acting as President is pleased to enact as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Amendment) Act, 1977.

Short title
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ment.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amend-
ment of
section
15.

2. In section 15 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1958, in sub-section (2), for the words "twenty years", the words "thirty years" shall be substituted.

B. D. JATTI,
Vice-President acting as President.

Tamil
Nadu Act
XXXV
of 1958.

K. K. SUNDARAM,
Secy. to the Govt of India.

Reasons for the enactment

According to sub-section (2) of section 15 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1958 (Tamil Nadu Act XXXV of 1958), any reservation of seats made for the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in panchayats shall have effect only until the first ordinary elections to the panchayats after the expiration of a period of twenty years from the commencement of the Tamil Nadu Village Panchayats Act, 1950 (Tamil Nadu Act X of 1950), which came into force on the 1st April, 1951. Ordinary elections to the Panchayats have not been held from April, 1971 and it is proposed to conduct the ordinary elections to the Panchayats shortly. Since the period of twenty years has elapsed, the rule of reservation in sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1958 cannot be made applicable to the next ordinary elections to be held for panchayats shortly.

2. The Constitution has already been amended to provide for the continuance of reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies of the States. It has, therefore, become expedient to amend the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1958 (Tamil Nadu Act XXXV of 1958), to provide for reservation of seats for the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in panchayats for thirty years from the commencement of the Tamil Nadu Village Panchayats Act, 1950.

3. This measure seeks to give effect to the above proposal.

4. The Committee constituted under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Tamil Nadu State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1976 (41 of 1976), has been consulted before the enactment of this measure as President's Act.

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 (Department of Rural Development).*